SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM TRUST

Pondicherry

To:

The Mediation Committee constituted by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India for the Resolution of the Land Dispute at Ayodhya

Respected Members of the Mediation Committee,

It has been brought to our notice by well-wishers that certain speculations are widely circulating in the Press regarding our proposal for use of our land at Ayodhya.

We wish to make it unambiguously clear that our offer was made in good faith, and as stated in our earlier letter to you, with the intention to promote peace and harmony in the country, and for carrying forward the aim of resolution of the conflict to arrive at an amicable solution that would be acceptable by all parties.

We were happy to note in earlier reports in the Press that there is a proposal to establish a National Institute of Harmony. That would have been in tune with our desire to promote a sense of oneness amongst all Indians in their aspiration and quest for greater national resurgence.

As we have informed you earlier also that the sacred relics of Sri Aurobindo are enshrined deep under the ground at the location.

However, rumours have now been spreading that our land is to be used exclusively for the construction of a Mosque etc. We would not like our land to be used for such sectarian purpose as that would run counter to the spirit in which our offer was made.

Should the effort of mediation to arrive at a settlement acceptable to all parties fail, or should the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India choose not to give its consent to a mediated solution as detailed in Para 3 above, we wish to clarify that under such circumstances, the offer of our land stands withdrawn.

We request you to kindly pass on this letter to the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

22-10-19

MANOJ DAS GUPTA
Managing Trustee
SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM TRUST
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